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TOPIC Dessau Airfield

EVALUATION see below PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

DATE OF CONTENT 18 March to 19 April 1952

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1. Between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on 18 March 1952, there was flying by individual aircraft and by planes in formations of three at Dessau airfield. The individual planes flew large circles over the field without retracting their landing gear. At 3:15 p.m. a plane, towing a sleeve target, released the sleeve target over the field. Between 10 and 11 a.m. on 19 March, the field was occupied by 50 IL-10s and 12 biplanes. There was no flying. Truck B 5-33-70, occupied by air force soldiers, went from the town to the field.
2. On 18 March, there was intensive flying at the field. At 12:45 p.m. on 20 March, work was being done on parked aircraft. No flying was observed at 6:40 a.m. on 29 March. At 4 p.m. on 1 April, aircraft were dispersed in a fan-like position around the field. At 4:20 p.m. on 2 April, a formation of nine ground attack aircraft landed at the field at short intervals. Flying was discontinued after 6:20 p.m. On 4 and 8 April, the field was still occupied by IL-10s.
3. On 25, 26 and 27 March, there was intensive flying at the field.
4. At 6:15 a.m. on 28 March, the alert signal was sounded at the field. Many soldiers who wore blue and red-bordered black epaulets practiced defense of the airfield.

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6. Between 2 and 3 p.m. on 12 April, 53 IL-10s and 5 biplanes were observed at the field. On 15 April, there was flying by two biplanes. At 10:30 a.m. on 17 April, five biplanes took off heading north. Two IL-10s circled the field beginning at 12:45 p.m. Local flights were also observed on 18 April. At 2:30 p.m. on 19 April, 47 IL-10s were counted at the field. *

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* Comment. The report confirms that Dessau airfield is still occupied by a ground attack regiment. From information supplied by one source, it was concluded that the regiment consists of four squadrons each composed of 12 to 14 aircraft.

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